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By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The governor shall establish a joint
4 legislative and executive task force on long-term care financing and
5 chronic care management. The joint task force consists of eight
6 members, as follows: The secretary of the department of social and
7 health services; the secretary of the department of health; the
8 administrator of the health care authority; a representative from the
9 governor's office; two members of the senate appointed by the president
10 of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the majority caucus and
11 one of whom shall be a member of the minority caucus; and two members
12 of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
13 of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the majority
14 caucus and one of whom shall be a member of the minority caucus.

15 (2) The joint task force shall elect a member of the joint task
16 force to serve as chair of the joint task force.

17 (3) Consistent with funds appropriated specifically for this
18 purpose, the joint task force shall contract for professional services.
19 State agencies, the senate, and the house of representatives may
20 provide staff support upon request of the joint task force.

21 (4) The joint task force shall create advisory committees to assist
22 the joint task force in its work. The task force shall actively
23 consult with and solicit recommendations from the advisory committee or
24 committees regarding issues under consideration by the task force.

25 (5) Joint task force members may be reimbursed for travel expenses
26 as authorized under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, and chapter 44.04 RCW
27 as appropriate. Advisory committee members, if appointed, may not
28 receive compensation or reimbursement for travel or expenses.

29 (6) The joint task force shall review public and private mechanisms
30 for financing long-term care and make recommendations related to:

1 (a) The composition of a long-term care system that is adequate to
2 meet the needs of persons of all ages with functional limitations,
3 including appropriate services to be offered in the continuum of care
4 ranging from services to support persons residing at home through
5 residential care. This shall be accomplished by first determining
6 capacity in each level of care in the long-term care continuum and
7 assessing the impact, by geographic region, of increasing or decreasing
8 capacity in each level of care;

9 (b) Efficient payment models that will effectively sustain public
10 funding of long-term care and maximize the use of financial resources
11 to directly meet the needs of persons of all ages with functional
12 limitations;

13 (c) State laws and regulations that should be revised and/or
14 eliminated in order to reduce or contain long-term care costs to
15 individuals and the state;

16 (d) The feasibility of private options for realistically enabling
17 individuals to pay for long-term care and the most effective tools for
18 implementing these options. The assessment of options should include
19 but not be limited to: (i) Adequacy of personal savings and pensions;
20 (ii) availability of family care, including incentives and supports for
21 families to provide care or pay for care; (iii) creative
22 community-based strategies or partnerships for funding quality
23 long-term care; (iv) enhanced health insurance options; (v) long-term
24 care insurance options, including incentives to purchase long-term care
25 insurance through individual or group-based products; (vi) life
26 insurance annuities; and (vii) reverse mortgage and other products that
27 draw on home equity; and

28 (e) Options that will support long-term care needs of rural
29 communities.

30 (7) The joint task force shall recommend chronic care management
31 and disability prevention interventions that will reduce health care
32 and long-term care costs to individuals and the state, improve the
33 health of individuals over their life span, and encourage patient
34 self-management of chronic care needs.

35 (8) The joint task force shall incorporate a process designed to
36 facilitate an open dialog with the public on findings and
37 recommendations.

1 (9) The joint task force shall: (a) Report its initial findings to
2 the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature by January
3 1, 2006; (b) report its recommendations to the governor and appropriate
4 committees of the legislature by January 1, 2007; and (c) submit a
5 final report to the governor and appropriate committees of the
6 legislature by June 30, 2007.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
8 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
9 June 30, 2005, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
10 void."

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11 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "management;" strike the
12 remainder of the title and insert "and creating new sections."

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